# VA's Release 3 EDI Implementation Claim Adjuster Conference



# Virginia Workers' Compensation Commission

**Technology Alignment Program (TAP)** 

### **Today's Commission Attendees**



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### Agenda



#### **Morning Sessions**

- Introductions and Opening Comments
- Review of the EDI Initiative
- Overview of TAP Projects
- What We've Learned So Far

#### **Afternoon Sessions**

- Break Out Session on Data Quality
- WebFile Demonstration
- Planned WebFile Enhancements
- Q&A



## Part I

# Introductions & Opening Comments

## **Points of Emphasis**



- At our last conference (September 2008), the EDI Implementation was just beginning
- Today Formal EDI Phases are Complete and the July 1<sup>st</sup> Mandate is quickly approaching
- This conference gives us a chance to reflect on our journey and begin looking forward
- What We Have Learned So Far
  - About the EDI Process, Data Quality, and challenges during the transition
- Other Commission Items
  - New Chairman, Non-EDI Rule Changes, Devoted VWC Call Center, Judicial System in October, Pre-Hearing Unit, New Commission Executive Director (Chief Administrative Officer)



## Part II

## **Review of the EDI Initiative**

#### **Vision**



The Technology Alignment Program (TAP) is aimed at leveraging industry available technology to improve the overall efficiency, reliability and accuracy of information transactions, thereby greatly improving customer service and better meeting the needs of internal and external stakeholders.



#### **Mission**



# The Virginia Workers' Compensation Commission's Mission

To ensure Injured Workers receive all benefits to which they are entitled as quickly as possible.

## **Phased EDI Implementation**



All reporters are required to report workers' compensation information (Release 3 FROI and SROI) electronically to the Commission by July 1, 2009.

#### Wave A - October 1, 2008

The following entities will submit via EDI claims that occur on or after October 1, 2008:

- Beta Testers
- Carriers filing greater than 1,000 non-minor claims annually

#### Wave B - December 1, 2008

The following entities will submit via EDI claims that occur on or after December 1, 2008, and will also have to retroactively submit via EDI all claims made between October 1 and November 30, 2008:

Carriers filing between 100 and 999 non-minor claims annually

#### Wave C - March 1, 2009

The following entities will be required to submit electronically claims that occur on or after March 1, 2009:

- Self-Insurers that are self-administered (submit via EDI if annual volume greater than 100 non-minor claims)
- WebFile Reporters (Carriers that submit fewer than 100 non-minor claims annually)

### The Phased EDI Implementation Plan is complete

#### **TAP Milestones**



EDI Start for High Volume Filers – October 1, 2008

EDI Start for Medium Volume Filers – December 1, 2008

Paperless *Proof of Coverage* filings (via NCCI) – February 1, 2009

EDI Start for Sub-100 Filers (via WebFile) – March 1, 2009

Case Management for all EDI Filers & Claimants (via WebFile) - April 2, 2009

VA Mandate for All Filers to file via EDI – July 1, 2009

Litigation Management for Attorneys (via *WebFile*) – November 2009

## What's Happening in the Industry



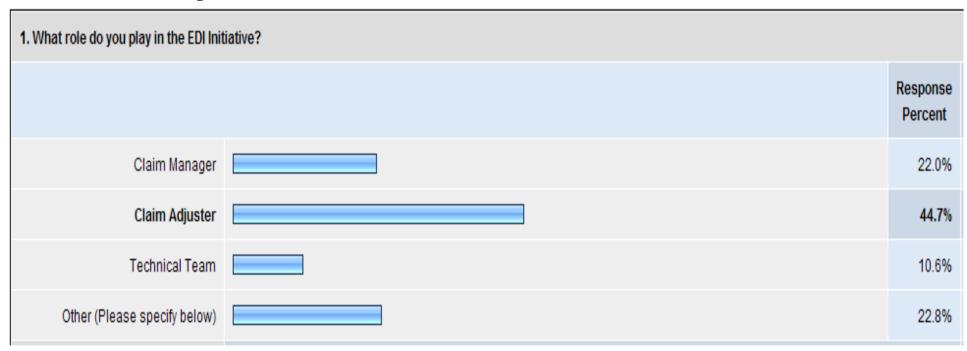
Debates Over R3 EDI Changes & Upcoming Implementations

Recognized Need for EDI Process Training for CAs

## Conference Survey – CA Profile



#### The survey was sent to all Claim Administrators:

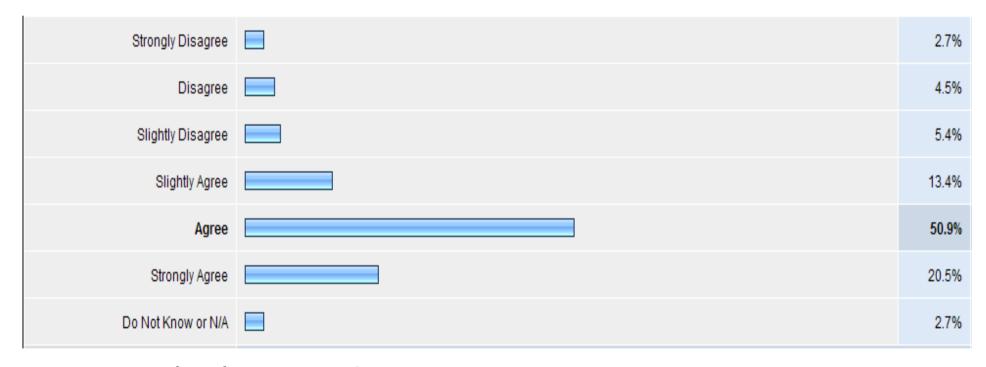


- 125 responses received through 5/19/008.
- 91% (114) indicated they are already reporting via EDI
- 59% (74) indicated they were planning to attend today's conference.

### **Views on VA – Communications**



#### The level of communication has been sufficient about EDI

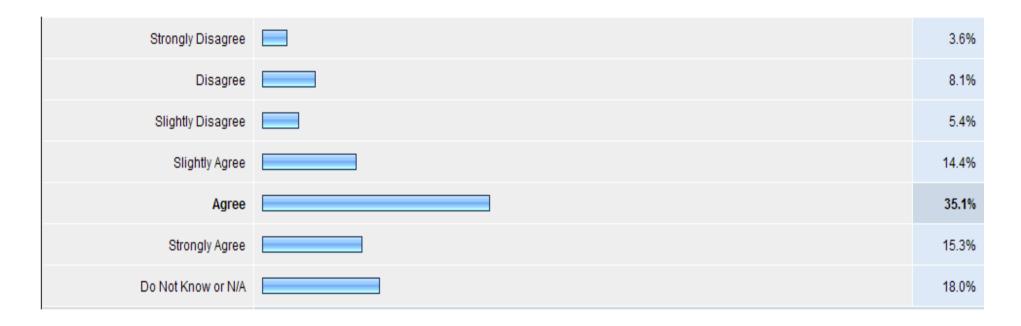


- 85% (83) agreed
- 13% (14) disagreed

## Views on VA – EDI Support



#### E-mail support channels have been valuable

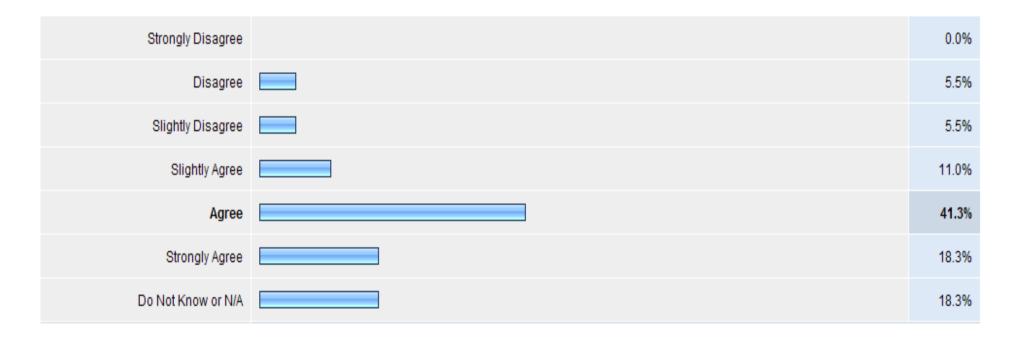


- 65% (72) agreed
- 17% (19) disagreed

## Views on VA – Responsiveness



#### The Commission has been responsive to my organization

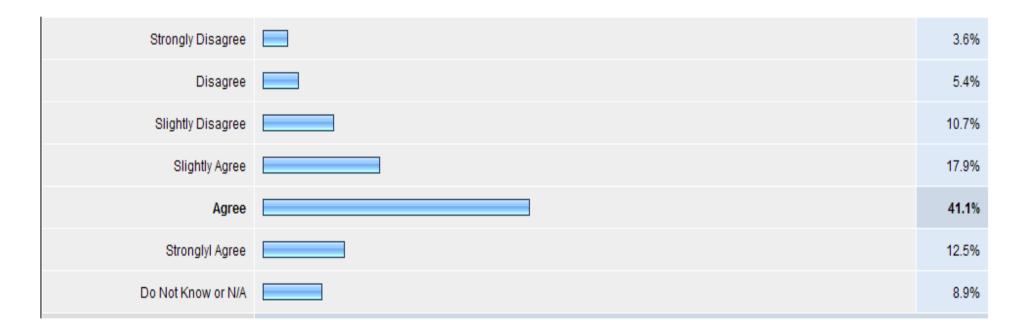


- 71% (77) agreed
- 11% (12) disagreed

## Views on VA – Training



#### The level of Commission training has been sufficient

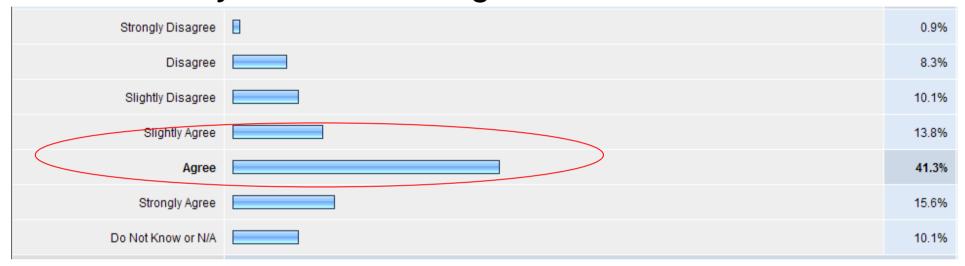


- 72% (80) agreed
- 20% (22) disagreed

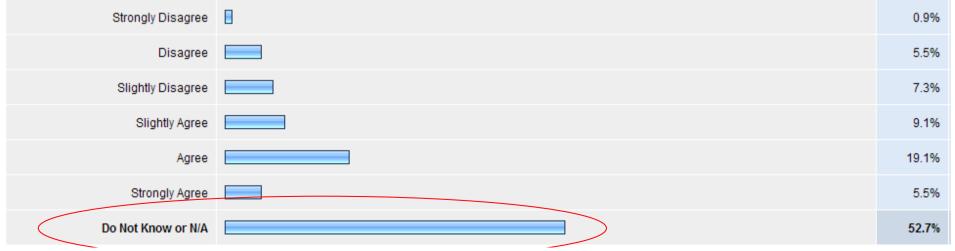
## Other CA Views on Training



#### The level of your own training has been sufficient



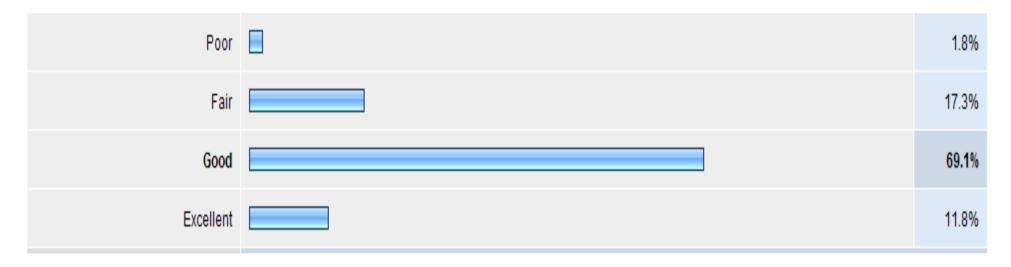
## The level of your vendor's training has been sufficient



## **Conference Survey – Data Quality**



#### The quality of data you provide the Commission



- 81% (89) indicated Good or Excellent
- 19% (21) indicated Fair or Poor

## **Causes of Poor Data Quality**



### Reasons why data quality is impacted

Overall workload	48.1%	50
Data the Commission requests is unreasonable	12.5%	13
Insufficient time to properly investigate claims	29.8%	31
Poor data quality provided by injured worker	29.8%	31
Poor data quality provided by employer	39.4%	41
Ineffective resources gathering data (e.g. call centers or vendors)	14.4%	15
Other (please specify below)	21.2%	22

## What Has Not Changed Due to EDI



- The Commission's overall mission
- Statutes of Limitations
- Awards based on signed agreements of the parties
- The need to file formal applications to Suspend Awards
- Various forms and processes, such as
  - Filing Agreement Forms

## What Has Not Changed – Claims Flow



1. Establish Claim



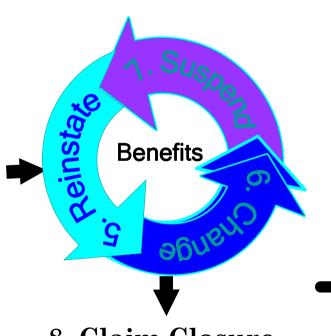
2. Initial Payment or Equivalent



3. Changes to Benefits



4. Suspension of all Benefits



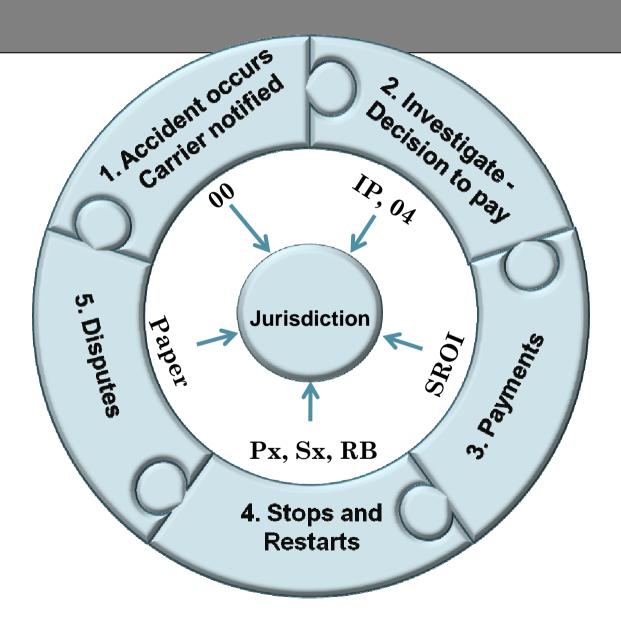
8. Claim Closure

Any Time After First Report and Before Final Report

- 9. Lump Sum Payment(s)
- 10. Periodic Reports
- 11. Corrections/
  Changes
  (NonIndemnity)
- 12. Cancel

### **Standard Claims Flow**





## What Has Changed Due to EDI



- Consolidation of Agreement Forms From 4 down to 2
  - Award Agreement Form
  - Termination of Wage Loss Form
- Employer's Application for Hearing no longer needs to be notarized
- ➤ Paper Forms → EDI Forms
  - Employer's Accident Report (Form 3)
  - Report of Minor Injures (Form 45A)
  - Report of Medical Costs (Form 45G)

## What Has Changed Due to EDI



## Some Forms can now be uploaded to WebFile

- 20-Day Order Responses
- Award Agreement Form (Form 4)
- Termination of Wage Loss Award (Form 46)
- Employer's Applications



## Part III

# Overview of Technology Alignment Program Projects

# WebFile Phase I – FROI/SROI for Small Volume EDI Filers



	Phase I	Phase II
Target Audience	Sub-100 Claim Administrators	All Claim Administrators (including Sub-100 Filers) & Claimants
Key Functions	<ul> <li>Filing First Reports of Injury</li> <li>Filing Subsequent Reports of Injury</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Reviewing the Status on a Claim</li> <li>Filing Forms and Documents, such as <ul> <li>Claim for Benefits</li> <li>Employer's Applications</li> <li>Agreement Forms</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Timeline	March 2, 2009	April 2, 2009

# WebFile Phase II – Claims Management for All EDI Filers and Claimants



	Phase I	Phase II
Target Audience	Sub-100 Claim Administrators	All Claim Administrators (including Sub-100 Filers) & Claimants
Key Functions	<ul> <li>Filing First Reports of Injury</li> <li>Filing Subsequent Reports of Injury</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Reviewing the Status on a Claim</li> <li>Filing Forms and Documents, such as <ul> <li>Claim for Benefits</li> <li>Employer's Applications</li> <li>Agreement Forms</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Timeline	March 2, 2009	April 2, 2009

# **WebFile Phase III – Case Management for Attorneys**



	Phase III
Target Audience	Attorneys
Key Functions	<ul> <li>Web-based Case Access</li> <li>Electronic Filings</li> <li>Electronic Notifications</li> <li>Uploading Case Documents</li> </ul>
Timeline	November 2009

#### Other TAP Efforts



- ➤ Shift in "Proof of Coverage" Data
  - From Paper to Electronic (no more 45H)
  - Sourced from NCCI via a daily feed
- ➤ Build out of internal system CASPER to manage claims filed via EDI
  - Internal Claims Management workflow system
  - Contains front-end imaging component

#### Other TAP Efforts



- ➤ Internal and External systems to support "Criminal Injuries Compensation Fund" claims
- Professional Employer Organization (PEO)Proof of Coverage system
- Commission Financial System based on industry-standard processes and technology



## **Part IV**

What We Have Learned So Far

#### **Benefits of EDI**



Immediate Acknowledgments are Key, including return of JCN

➤ Reduction of Paper Filings

> Use of a consistent, national standard

#### **Benefits of EDI**

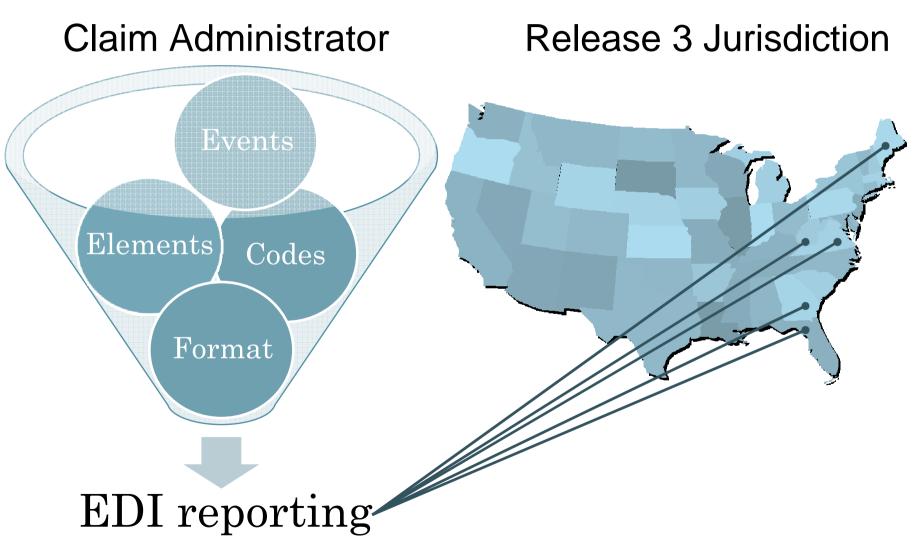


#### **National standards**

- allow data comparison
- eliminate needless duplication of effort to build transaction sets
- consistent data collection simplifies multi-jurisdiction reporting

### WHY STANDARDS?





## Challenges



Challenges during EDI Acknowledgment

Current processes generate Multiple Automated Filings (20-Day orders)

"Fast-Filed" Claims - Claim Shell process

**EDI Catch Up Process** 

**Data Quality** 

#### VA Uses EDI Data to...

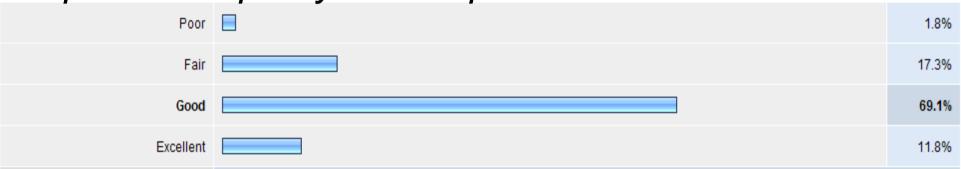


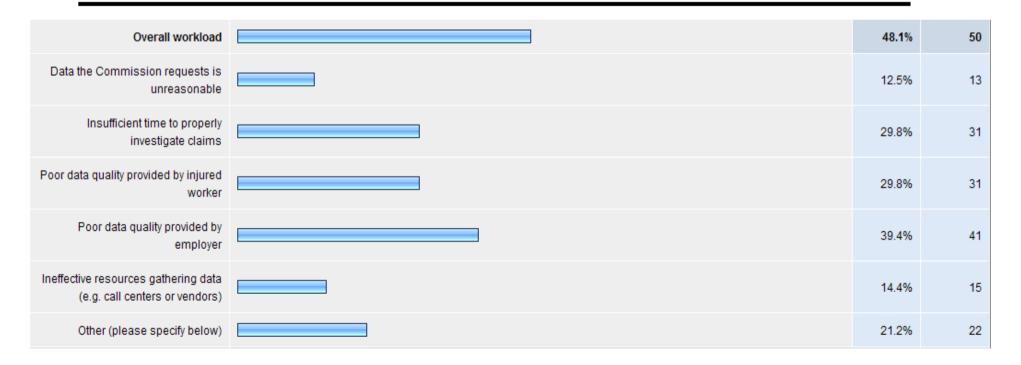
- Send notifications to injured workers
- Generate WebFile Access for Claim Administrators
- Create statistical reports
  - Accident prevention
  - Discover fraud
- Analyze Cost Trends
- Conduct Due Process Hearings
- Prevent Uninsured Employer Cases
- Satisfy statutory obligations
  - OSHA reports (e.g., fatal accidents)
  - Department of Health reports (e.g., disease outbreak)

# Data Quality – Reminder of What You Told Us



### Opinion on quality of data provided to Commission





## **Data Quality – The Trends**



- Focus Areas for Data Quality
  - Address Data
  - JCN
  - Payment Data
  - FEIN
- 18 % of Total FROIs with at least 1 Data Quality issue (post ACK)
- Data Quality Selected Statistics
  - 6.9% Claimant Address fail
  - 7.6% Employer Address fail
  - 3,354 successfully received SROI reports against 69,963 FROI reported incidents

## Data Quality - Examples



## Production examples of Employer Addresses submitted to VWC:

- 1. LEE HIGHWAY, FAIRFAX, VA
- 2. LORTON, LORTON, VA
- 3. STONECROFT BLVD., CHANTILLY, VA
- 4. DOM SERV-TIME SHARE HSPK, MCGAHEYSVILLE, VA
- 5. UNKNOWN, UNKNOWN, VA

## Data Quality - Commission Adjustments



- Payment Data
  - Variance Report
- Employer Address Logic
  - Old Approach
    - Match unique Employer FEIN and Employer NAME information to a single employer address maintained by VWC
  - New Approach (as of 5/28/09)
    - 1. VWC will use submitted "clean" Employer Addresses unique to the FROI. "Clean" is determined by USPS
    - 2. If Address is not "clean", the Employer FEIN and Policy Number will be matched against NCCI policy information to discern Employer address.
      - If no policy number is submitted, Employer FEIN will be used to match against NCCI data, with the LAST UPDATED Employer Address used

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## Part V

# Break Out Session on Data Quality

#### It's Your Turn!



## **Directions:**

- Move to Your Table Groups -
- 1) Review Assigned Scenario
- 2) Discuss and Document the Pros and Cons with this approach
- 3) Select Someone to Report to Group
- 4) Participate in Group Debrief

### 3 Scenarios + 1



- 1) Small Fines for Nearly Every Data Quality Issue
- 2) Medium Fines on a Variety of Critical Data Quality Issues
- 3) Large Fines based on Commission Compliance Audits
- 4) Whiteboard a Solution
  - What data issues require fines?
  - How would you categorize these?
  - What should the fee structure/schedule look like?



## **Part VI**

WebFile Demo

# **Summary of Features in WebFile Demonstration**



Functions List	Functions List
Log in Claim Administrator Account	Log in With Claim Administrator Manager Account
Search for Claims	Assign Claims to Employees
View Claim Summary	View PDF Image of uploaded doc
View Claim Details	Make New Submission (upload doc)
View Documents & Filings	



# **Appendix**

## **Glossary of terms**



**FROI** – *First Report of Injury*;" A record sent to the jurisdiction to complete the jurisdiction's First Report of Injury (FROI) requirements. i.e. initial employer accident reports.

**SROI** – "Subsequent Report of Injury;" A record sent to the jurisdiction to complete the jurisdiction's Subsequent Report of Injury requirements. i.e. payment or denial of a claim.

**Claim Administrator** – The primary organization accountable for adjusting the claim and reporting claim activity via EDI to the Workers' Compensation regulating agency. i.e. Insurance carrier, third party administrator, state fund or self-insured employer.

**Trading Partner** – An entity that has entered into an agreement with another entity to exchange data electronically.

## **Glossary of terms**



**MTC** "Maintenance Type code"; A code defining the specific purpose of individual records within the transaction being transmitted. i.e. an "00" is the Original First Report of Injury.

A report (previously known as "form") required by the jurisdiction to report an event. (injury, first payment, denial, etc.)

**Triggers:** Trigger criteria are the events that cause a particular report to be due for submission to the jurisdiction. For example, an accident "triggers" the requirement to file an accident report.

**EDI** – The abbreviation for Electronic Data Interchange; the system and methods by which carriers submit data electronically.

"Release 3" – The latest set of EDI standards issued by the standards-issuing body (IAIABC).

## **Additional Information**



- EDI Initiative Site, which contains
  - Implementation Guide, links to Forms, and Timeline information
  - What's New page
  - Consolidated, categorized FAQ page
  - Information on past/future training opportunities

http://www.vwc.state.va.us/EDI/EDIinitiative.html

- Preferred way to contact the Commission on EDI questions edisupport@vwc.state.va.us
- Preferred way to contact the Commission on WebFile questions –
   For Site Administrators, use webfilesupport@vwc.state.va.us
   For everyone else, contact your Site Administrator

## **VA's Quick Code Reference Sheet**



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MAINTENANCE TYPE CODE (MTC's) (DN0002)								
FIRST REPORT:								
00	Original		Acquired Claim					
01	Cancel	UR	Upon Request					
02	Change							
04	Denial							
AU	Acquired/Unallocated							
SUBSEQUENT REPORT:								
04	Denial	SJ	Suspended Pending Appeal					
AP	Acquired/Payment	00	or Judicial Review					
EP	Employer Paid	UR	Upon Request					
ER	Employer Reinstatement	QT	Quarterly					
IP	Initial Payment							
P1	Partial Suspension, RTW or Med							
FI	Determined/Qualified to RTW							
P2	Partial Suspension,							
FZ	Medical Non-Compliance							
P3	Partial Suspension,							
гэ	Administrative Non-Compliance							
P5	Partial Suspension, Incarceration							
PJ	Partially Suspended Pending							
FJ	Appeal or Judicial Review							
PY	Payment Report							
RB	Reinstatement of Benefit							
S1	Suspension, RTW or Medically							
31	Determined/Qualified to RTW							
S2	Suspension, Medical Non-Compliance							
S3	Suspension, Administrative							
53	Non-Compliance							
S4	Suspension, Claimant Death							
S5	Suspension, Incarceration							
S6	Suspension, Claimant's							
30	Whereabouts Unknown							
S7	Suspension, Benefits Exhausted							
S8	Suspension, Jurisdiction Change							
SD	Suspension, Directed By Jurisdiction							

## **VA's Quick Code Reference Sheet**



# Benefit Type Codes

	BENEFIT TYPE CODE (DN0085)					
REGULAR BENEFIT TYPES:			LUMP SUM PAYMENTS/SETTLEMENTS:			
010	Fatal	524	Employer Paid Lump Sum Pmt/Settlement			
020	Permanent Total	530	Perm Partial Sch Lump Sum Pmt/Settlement			
030	Permanent Partial/Scheduled	550	Temporary Total Lump Sum Pmt/Settlement			
050	Temporary Total	570	Temporary Partial Lump Sum Pmt/Settlement			
070	Temporary Partial	590	Perm Partl Disfigure Lump Sum Pmt/Settlement			
090	Permanent Partial Disfigurement					
230	Employer Paid Permenent Partial					
230	Scheduled					
240	Employer Paid (EP) Unspecified					
250	EP Temporary Total					
270	EP Temporary Partial					
500	Unspecified Lump Sum Pmt/Settlement					
501	Medical Lump Sum Pmt/Settlement					
510	Fatal Lump Sum Pmt/Settlement					
520	Permanent Total Lump Sum Pmt/					
320	Settlement					

	OTHER BENEFIT TYPE CODE (OBT's) (DN0216)					
340	340 Total Claimant's Legal Expenses 350 Total Payments to Physicians					
350						
360	360 Total Hospital Costs 370 Total Other Medical					
370						
430	Total Unallocated Prior Indemnity Benefits					
440	40 Total Unallocated Prior Medical					
450	<ul> <li>450 Total Pharmaceutical Costs</li> <li>455 Total Dental Expenses</li> <li>460 Total Physical Therapy Costs</li> </ul>					
455						
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465	Total Chiropractic Expenses					

Other Benefit Type Code